my purpose which has caused panic amongst the coal Mafia as well as the coal executives close to Mafia who are strongly opposing his continuance on the present post and if so, the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) No, Sir. The financial position of the CIL and its subsidiaries is improving. Durrng 1992-93 and 1993-94, CIL and its subsidiaries together earned a profit of Rs. 291.27 crores and Rs. 400.32 crores respectively.

(b) The acting Chairman of CIL has taken several measures for further improvement in the financial performance of the company.

Demand of Coal in Rajasthan and Orissa

7598. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COAL is pleased to state: (a) What is the projected demand for coal in the country during current year as on 30.4.1995 as well as by the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan period particularly in Rajasthan and Orissa;

(b) whether Government have chalked out any special schemes/plans to meet this demand particularly by Coal India Ltd.;

(c) if so, the details thereof in the country including major projects under implementation till date by CIL in indicating budgetary support for 1995-96 out of the Plan outlay for CIL, if any as well as interests subsidy, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether any provision during 1995-96 made for Research Schemes of Science and Technology on Coal and for schemes operated with UNDP or World Bank assistance particularly in Rajasthan and Orissa with details thereof,

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Demand of coal is not assessed state-wise. The demand is assessed industry/sector-wise for the whole country. All India projected demand of coal for the year 1995-96 and by the end of Eight Five Year Plan is 288 million tonnes and 311 million tonnes respectively.

(b) and (c) The above demand will be met from following sources:—

(in million tonnes)

Source	1995-96	1996-97
Coal India Ltd.	241.00	263.60
Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.	28.00	30.20
Others	5.50	6.20
Total	274.50	300.00
Draw down of stocks	7.50	5.00
Import	6.00	6.00
Total :	288.00	311.00

Steps taken to meet this demand in country, inter-alia, include opening of new mines, modernisation of existing mines, application of new technology, ensuring timely availability of inputs and infrastructural facilities, better capacity utilisation and maintaining good industrial relations.

Out of total plan outlay of Rs. 2260 crores for CIL, for 1995-96, gross budgetary support is Rs. 241 crores. No interest subsidy has been provided. In CIL, at present 17 major projects each costing Rs. 100 crores and more are under implementation. Adequate funds have been provided for implemnting these projects.

(d) A provision of Rs. 20.20 crores for Research and Development (R&D) activities made in the budget estimates for the year 1995-96. The R&D activities are taken up in identified thrust areas and benefits of these schemes are available for all coal and lignite producing areas including those in Rajasthan and Orissa.

Gaseous mines under Bharat Coal Limited

7599. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state: (a) the number of gaseous mines under Bharat Coal Limited;

(b) the number of labourers working in such mines;

(c) whether self-rescuer equipments have been provided to all these labourers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the cost of such equipments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) All underground coal mines in the country are treated as gassy and categorised by degree of gassiness as per Regulations 2(12A), 12(B) and 12(C) of Coal Mines Regulations, 1957. 80 underground mines of Bharat Coking coal Limited (BCCL) are categorised in Degree III, II & I of gassiness. Average daily attendance of workers in these underground mines is around 51,750.

(c) All underground workers of mines of degree III & II of gassiness and 25 per cent of workers of mines of degree I of gassiness of BCCL have been provided with Self-Rescuers.

(d) The cost of a filter type Self Rescuer is around Rs. 1500/-.

कोयला क्षेत्रों में माफिया की गतिविधियां

7600. श्री अजीत जोगी :
श्री मूल चन्द मीणा :

क्या **कोयला** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :—

(क) क्या कई कोयला क्षेत्रों में कोयला माफिया की गतिविधियां बढ़ रही हैं ;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने ऐसे कोयला क्षेत्रों का पता लगाया है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) कोयला माफिया की गतिविधियां रोकने और इन क्षेत्रों में कोयले की चोरी रोकने के लिए क्या-क्या कदम उठाए गये हैं ;

कोयला मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजित कुमार पांजा) : (क) कोयला कंपनियों के कार्य क्षेत्र के अंतर्गत आने वाले क्षेत्रों में कोयला माफिया के क्रियाकलापों में वृद्धि होने के संबंध में कोई लक्ष्य नोटिस में नहीं आया है ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता है ।